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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT:	Rainer TILSE	)
SERIAL NO.:	10/069,949	) Group Art Unit: 3732
FILED:	March 7, 2002	) Examiner: John J. Wilson
TITLE:	METHOD AND INSTRUMENT FOR INTRODUCING A DENTAL FILLING MATERIAL WITH A SYNTHETIC RESIN BASE INTO A TOOTH CAVITY	

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 19, 2004. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for one-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to March 19, 2004. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1 and 2.

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

Please add new Claims 14-16.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please add the attached abstract.